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#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF HILLSBORO, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 29 to July 2, the residents of Hillsboro will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Hillsboro is a growing community located in the "heart of the Red River Valley," and it is proud of its heritage. The city was started by a group of German and Norwegian settlers in 1869–1870. The Crown Prince of Norway visited the city in 1942. In 1971, the city was the recipient of the All-American City Award. This award is given to communities that exhibit civic excellence in times of crisis. It recognizes grassroots communities that work together to overcome challenges in innovative and collaborative ways.

Hillsboro has plenty to offer its residents and visitors. There are numerous outdoor activities to partake in, such as volleyball, golfing, fishing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. The Plummer House, home to the Traill County Historical Society Museum, is another site to see while in Hillsboro. There are also the Centennial and Pioneer Buildings, a log cabin, and St. Olaf Church.

The community has planned a wonderful weekend celebration to commemorate its 125th anniversary. The celebration includes an all-school reunion, a golf tournament, an antique tractor pull, concerts, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Hillsboro, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Hillsboro and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Hillsboro that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:31 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5037) to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5037. An act to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 12:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5427. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

At 5:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5429. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.

At 9:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Croatt, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 418. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4681. An act to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5427. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3064. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 25, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1736. An act to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6929. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grains and Similarly Handled Commodities—Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments for the 2006 through 2007 Crop Years; Cotton" (RIN0560-AH38) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6930. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Percentages for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Advance Payments" (RIN0560-AH49) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6931. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Minimal Risk Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8062-3) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6932. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terbacil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8057-9) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6933. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Transition Assistance and Disabled Transition Assistance Programs (TAP/DTAP)"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6934. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2005 Purchases of Supplies Manufactured Outside the United States"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6935. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relative to material violations or suspected material violations of regulations relating to Treasury auctions and other Treasury securities offerings; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6936. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to any significant modifications to the auction process for issuing United States Treasury obligations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6937. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that during the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005, no exceptions to the prohibition against favored treatment of a government securities broker or dealer were granted by the Secretary of the Treasury; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6938. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Administration's intent to award a contract to FirstLine Transportation Security, Inc. for screening services at Kansas City International (MCI); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6939. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Appeal Procedure for Persons Designated as Related Persons to Denial Orders" (RIN0694-AD60) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6940. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2006 Management Measures and a Temporary Rule for Emergency Action for Klamath River Chinook Area Fisheries" (RIN0648-AT34) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6941. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Target Total Allowable Catch Levels, Trip Limits, and Days-at-Sea Restrictions for the Monkfish Fishery for the 2006 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-AT22) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6942. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Na-

tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. 041906C) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6943. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's 2004 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) data; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6944. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Fiscal Year 2005 Buy American Act Report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6945. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. - Mexico Border Environment: Air Quality and Transportation & Cultural and Natural Resources, Ninth Report of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6946. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County" (FRL No. 8175-6) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6947. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Michigan" (FRL No. 8167-2) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6948. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Wisconsin Construction Permit Permanency SIP Revisions; Correction" (FRL No. 8171-1) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6949. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL No. 8166-9) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6950. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky; Redesignation of the Boyd County SO2 Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 8174-1) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6951. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"National Emission Standards for the Printing and Publishing Industry" ((RIN2060-AI66)(FRL No. 8174-5)) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6952. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's position on the budgeting of the Arkansas River Navigation Study—McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, Arkansas and Oklahoma; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6953. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Miami Harbor Navigation Project, Miami-Dade County, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6954. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare Clinical Laboratory Competitive Bidding Demonstration Draft Design Report: Executive Summary"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6955. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Certification to the Congress Regarding the Incidental Capture of Sea Turtles in Commercial Shrimping Operations; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6956. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Taiwan Relations Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6957. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed authorization for the export of significant military equipment in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (export of 3 DIRECT TV commercial communications satellites to international waters for the purpose of launch on the Sea Launch platform and to transfer ownership in orbit to a U.S. company); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6958. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a draft bill "To authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the first replenishment of the resources of the Multilateral Investment Fund"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6959. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2005 Buy American Act Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6960. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report to Congress on the Fiscal Year 2003 operations of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6961. A communication from the Deputy Solicitor for National Operations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Production or Disclosure of Information or Materials" (RIN1290-AA17) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

H.R. 2066. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, and for other purposes, (Rept. No. 109-257).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2127. A bill to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Virginia as the "Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge" (Rept. No. 109-258).

By Mr. ROBERTS, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 3237. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-259).

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 312. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments.

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 559. A bill to make the protection of vulnerable populations, especially women and children, who are affected by a humanitarian emergency a priority of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 1950. A bill to promote global energy security through increased cooperation between the United States and India in diversifying sources of energy, stimulating development of alternative fuels, developing and deploying technologies that promote the clean and efficient use of coal, and improving energy efficiency.

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 2039. A bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 2200. A bill to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes.

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2560. A bill to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2566. A bill to provide for coordination of proliferation interdiction activities and conventional arms disarmament, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 2697. A bill to establish the position of the United States Ambassador for ASEAN.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

\*William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2006.

\*Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

\*Todd S. Farha, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2006.

\*Todd S. Farha, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2009.

\*John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Lurita Alexis Doan, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services.

\*R. David Paulison, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management, Department of Homeland Security.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sandra Segal Ikuta, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Gary D. Orton, of Nevada, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Erik C. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 3035. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 3036. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Vulcuren UPKA 1988; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 3037. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Vullcanox 41010 NA/LG; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 3038. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Vulkazon AFS/LG; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 3039. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Cohedur RL; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 3040. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Vulkalent E/C; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 3041. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Benzoyl Chloride; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 3042. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve preparedness for and response to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3043. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain refracting and reflecting telescopes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3044. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on hydraulic control units; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3045. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on converter asy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3046. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on module and bracket asy-power steering; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3047. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on unit asy-battery hi volt; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3048. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain transaxles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3049. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on shield asy-steering gear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3050. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on booster and master cyl asy-brake; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 3051. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on synthetic staple fiber of polyester; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 3052. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on synthetic staple fiber of polyester having a scalloped oval cross section; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 3053. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on synthetic elastic staple fiber; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 3054. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on synthetic staple fiber; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TALENT:

S. 3055. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding residential treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women, a program to reduce substance abuse among nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 3056. A bill to extend temporarily the suspension of duty on 4,4'-Oxydipthalic Anhydride; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 3057. A bill to extend temporarily the suspension of duty on 4,4'-Oxydianiline; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 3058. A bill to extend temporarily the suspension of duty on 3,3',4,4'-Biphenyltetracarboxylic Dianhydride; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 3059. A bill to extend temporarily the suspension of duty on difenoconazole; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 3060. A bill to extend temporarily the suspension of duty on Pyromellitic Dianhydride; to the Committee on Finance.